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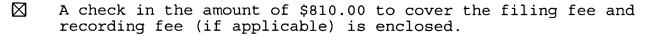
| \boxtimes | A specification consisting of Twenty (20) pages | | | | | | |
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| \boxtimes | Ten (10) sheet(s) formal drawings | | | | | | |
| | Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 | | | | | | |
| | Applicant does not claim priority | | | | | | |
| ⊠ | Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-005111 filed in JAPAN on January 10, 2003. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow. | | | | | | |
| \boxtimes | Executed Declaration (Original Photocopy) | | | | | | |
| \boxtimes | An assignment of the invention | | | | | | |

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| | Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76 |
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| | Preliminary Amendment |
| \boxtimes | Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s) |
| | Other: |
| | Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee |
| | Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) |

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Respectfully submitted,

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